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(No change.) = No changes are being considered for the designated subdivision

#### §169.61. Purpose.

The purpose of these sections is to set standards **[and charge fees]** for the training of animal shelter and animal control personnel as to animal health and disease control, humane care and treatment, transportation of animals, and the control of animals in an animal shelter.

#### §169.62. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) Animal Control Officer (ACO) course - An appropriate training session administered by the department **[Texas Department of Health (department)]**. There are three types of training: basic, advanced, and administrative.

(2) - (3) (No change.)

#### §169.63. Courses.

(a) The basic ACO course gives introductory instruction in the topics listed in §169.65 **[§169.65(a)]** of this title (relating to Course Content).

(b) (No change.)

(c) The administrative ACO course includes instruction in supervisory and management skills needed **[necessary]** to implement and direct application of the concepts taught in the basic and advanced courses.

#### §169.64. Prerequisites for Course Attendance.

(a) Basic, advanced, or administrative. A person must apply **[have applied]** for attendance with the **[department's]** Regional Zoonosis Control Program conducting the ACO course. Course enrollment will be based on space availability policies set by the region hosting the course.

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(b) Basic, advanced, or administrative. A fee will be charged for each person attending an ACO course. The fee will not exceed the amount equal to the cost of conducting the ACO course divided by the expected number of participants; this fee will not exceed \$225.

(c) [(b)] Advanced. A person must have:

(1) satisfactorily completed a basic ACO course and, subsequently, worked or volunteered in animal shelter/animal control activities at least 2,000 hours; and

(2) provided a recommendation from the individual's supervisor, including [to include] a statement that the person meets prerequisites for course attendance.

(d) [(c)] Administrative. A person must provide a recommendation from the individual's supervisor, including [to include] a statement that the person meets one of the following prerequisites for course attendance:

(1) satisfactory completion of [satisfactorily completed] an advanced ACO course;

(2) experience [worked] in an administrative position for two years; or

(3) completion of [completed] 60 hours of college credit.

§169.65. Course Content. **[(a)]** The basic and advanced courses will include technical coverage of topics deemed pertinent to animal shelter/animal control personnel by the department's Zoonosis Control Division (ZCD) including, but not limited to, animal health and disease control, humane care and treatment of animals, control of animals in an animal shelter, and the transportation of animals. The administrative course will include instruction in supervisory and management skills necessary to implement and support the concepts taught in the basic and advanced courses.

**[(b) There is no cost for attending a course. However, the Animal Control Officer Training Manual, which can be purchased from the department, is an essential reference.]**